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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**In the Matter of:
CHRISTINE SMELSTOR, RPH
LICENSE NUMBER RPH05261
COMPLAINT NUMBER C18-1521**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (Department), Board of Pharmacy (Board) has investigated a complaint charging Christine Smelstor, RPh, (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of RIGL § 5-19.1 of the R.I. Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Distributors. After consideration by the Board and the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is licensed as a registered pharmacist in the State of Rhode Island and holds license number RPH05261.
2. Respondent renewed her license as a registered pharmacist for the licensing period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and answered yes to the following question: "I have completed all applicable CE (continuing

education) requirements for this renewal period as stated in the Rules and Regulations for my profession.”

3. A routine audit conducted by the Department demonstrated that the Respondent failed to complete continuing education requirements in violation of R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4.
4. Pursuant to § 5-19.1-21, the foregoing facts constitute unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist and is able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in her behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;

- h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
 - i) Any objection to the fact that the Department reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing; and
 - j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Department.
 6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
 7. Respondent hereby agrees to this Reprimand of his registered pharmacist license.
 8. Respondent shall obtain an additional ten (10) live continuing education credits and twenty (20) non-live continuing education credits in addition to the fifteen (15) credit hours of continuing education required under R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4.
 9. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

3/26/2019
Date

Christine Smelstor
Christine Smelstor, RPh
License Number RPH05261

4/25/19
Date

Stacey J. Ranucci
Stacey Ranucci, RPh
Chairperson
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy

Ratified by the Board of Pharmacy on this 25 day of April, 2019.